



TOWN OF LOOMIS
ACTION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF
LOOMIS TOWN COUNCIL
LOOMIS DEPOT

5775 HORSESHOE BAR ROAD, LOOMIS, CA 95650 AND
4495 SE CIRCLE WAY, STUART, FLORIDA 34997

TUESDAY

MAY 12, 2009

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER Call to order by Mayor Scherer at 7:09 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Scherer
Councilmember Kelley
Councilmember Liss
Councilmember Morillas arrived at 7:15 p.m.
Councilmember Ucovich

PRESENTATION FROM LOOMIS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Dave Albright and Rick Judd, Loomis Grammar School, thanked Council for working with them on donations/grant for 3 permanent garbage cans at Loomis School.

RECOGNITION TO THE EARTH DAY STEERING COMMITTEE

Councilmember Liss recognized the Earth Day Steering Committee and thanked them for their participation.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO COUNCILMEMBERS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Ucovich stated the following:

- he asked the Town staff if they could have the leaves on Taylor Road along the side walk cleaned up
- he has the information regarding the billboard off of Horseshoe Bar Road and would like this item put on a future agenda for discussion
- thanked all of those that helped and contributed to the Sacramento Valley Division dinner at the Blue Goose

Mayor Scherer stated the following:

- the League of California Cities quarterly dinner at the Blue Goose was very nice
- he attended a SACOG meeting about rural urban connection and strategy
- there may be funds available to help establish a Farmers Market here in Loomis
- they are interested in building some food processing facilities that can be a joint use

Councilmember Morillas arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Councilmember Morillas pointed out the following:

- at the Placer County Flood Board meeting they reported that Folsom Lake is at 90 percent capacity
- there should not be any drought problems in the Placer County area this year

Perry Beck, Town Manager, reminded Council to put on their calendar the following:

- on May 26th there will be a joint meeting with the Park, Recreation and Open Space Committee at 6 p.m. to interview consultants for the Park Master Plan
- on June 26th there will be a mobility meeting for June 26th with MIG consultants for the Downtown Master Plan

All items on the agenda will be open for public comment before final action is taken. Speakers are requested to restrict comments to the item as it appears on the agenda and stay within a five-minute time limit. The Mayor has the discretion of limiting the total discussion time for an item.

Written Material Introduced Into the Record: Citizens wishing to introduce written material into the record at the public hearing on any item are requested to provide a copy of the written material to the Town Clerk prior to the public hearing date so that the material may be distributed to the Town Council prior to the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT: This time is reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the Town Council on subjects that are not on the Agenda. The audience should be aware that the Council may not discuss details or vote on non-agenda items. Your concerns may be referred to staff or placed on the next available agenda. Please **note that comments from the public will also be taken on any item on the agenda. The time allotted to each speaker is five minutes.**

Mark Smith, Troop 20 Scout Master, stated the following:

- they come to the Council meeting about once a year for their Citizen, Communication and Community Merit badge
- there scouts have incredible communication skills, they have them speak at Board Reviews, Council meetings, church, etc.
- they are happy to live in Loomis and for about six years they have worked with Mark Foley on different Eagle Scout projects at the Blue Goose
- asked Council to let them know of small clean-up projects that they can do in the downtown

Perry Beck, Town Manager, pointed out they could get with Brian Frাগiao, Public Works Director, regarding weeding the tree wells along Taylor Road.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Perry Beck pointed out that Mike White, Animal Control Director, could not make the meeting tonight and asked to continue item 15 to June 9th Council meeting.

A motion was made to adopt the Agenda with the following revision: continuing item 15 to June 9th and pulling item 22 forward in place of item 15. On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Liss and passed by voice vote.

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR: All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Council to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion unless an audience member or Councilmember requests otherwise, in which case, the item will be removed for separate consideration.

A motion was made to adopt the Consent Agenda pulling items 9 and 11 forward for discussion. On motion by Councilmember Morillas, seconded by Councilmember Ucovich and passed by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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| 1. Council Minutes – 4/14/09 | <i>APPROVE</i> |
| 2. Monthly Check Register – April | <i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i> |
| 3. Statement of Activity | <i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i> |
| 4. Treasurer's Report | <i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i> |
| 5. Planning Status Report | <i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i> |
| 6. 2008/09 Projects Update | <i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i> |
| 7. Preliminary Budget for 2009/2010 | <i>RECEIVE AND FILE</i> |

8. A Resolution of The Council of The Town of Loomis
Authorizing The Approval to Select GD Land Surveying & Civil
Engineer, Surveyor Group, Inc. and Area West Engineers, Inc.
To Provide Back-Up On-Call Land Surveying Services On An
Annual Basis and Direct the Town Manager to Prepare Individual
Service Agreements Acceptable To The Town Attorney. Total
Annual Funding For the On-Call Land Surveying Service Shall
Not Exceed \$15,000 ADOPT RESOLUTION
Resolution 09-17
10. Councilmember Kelley's Appointment To The Park,
Recreation and Open Space Committee APPROVE

CONSENT ITEMS FORWARDED

9. Placer County Transit Agreement 2009/2010 APPROVE

Councilmember Ucovich stated the following:

- questioned the increase and why it is so much more than 2007/2008
- he would like to see the amount of money that is collected and the number of riders we have in Loomis

Councilmember Liss stated the following:

- questioned if there were other bus services that are better utilized for the money
- he would like to explore addressing low ridership or other ridership

Councilmember Kelley pointed out that the school district transportation is completely separate.

No public comment.

Following further discussion on the matter, Council agreed to bring this back with more information.

11. Council Committee Assignments 2009 Amendment 2 APPROVE

Mayor Scherer pointed out that it is extremely important we have a liaison to the Park, Recreation and Open Space Committee.

Councilmember Kelley stated the following:

- this is an opportunity to let the committee do their job
- Council doesn't need to be a part of the committee and continually giving direction

Councilmember Liss pointed out the following:

- as a liaison he will be there to answer questions
- he agrees it is up to the committee, but within bounds of what we ask them to do
- he will provide context, history and hi-light issues

Councilmember Ucovich will agree if the liaison does not give direction and let the PROSC do their job.

Vic Markey, 3252 Taylor Road, pointed out that Councilmember Liss is an invaluable resource.

Councilmember Morillas stated the liaison should only be there as a resource and not give direction.

A motion was made to approve Vice Mayor Liss as liaison and the outline of the role of the liaison:

- to attend meetings as needed and report to council on activities
- a liaison will be there to be a resource, answer questions on history and issues
- it will be up to the PROSC to develop their own direction and activities within the boundaries of what Council asked them to do
- hi-light when issues should be brought back to Council

On motion by Councilmember Ucovich, seconded by Councilmember Liss and passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Liss, Scherer, Ucovich

Noes: Kelley, Morillas

PUBLIC HEARING

12. Meeting Records Retention Policy
Consider ordinance dealing with the preparation and retention of meeting records
Recommended action: Conduct public hearing, introduce and hold first reading of ordinance
as presented or as modified by Council
Public comment:

16. **Development Request on 17 Acre Property Along Sierra College Boulevard**

Steve Patterson wishes to present a development proposal he has for property he owns along Sierra College Boulevard between Brace Road and the Loomis/Rocklin border at McDonalds restaurant and asks the Council to indicate whether the idea has merit to proceed with an application

Recommended action: Hear request and determine whether the development idea is something that the Town could consider for the particular property

Public comment:

Steve Patterson, owner of 17 acres along Sierra College Boulevard, expounded on the following:

- he met with his neighbors (Hunters Crossing Subdivision) and got their input
- on the 3 ½ acres along the subdivision he would propose having 24 single family homes
- next to the 3 ½ acres on about 5 to 6 acres he would like 100 units for an age restricted community
- the remaining acreage would be for retail, but in a few years after the housing restricted community is built out
- this is called an affordable project, you only need 10% to fall in the category of affordable income

No public comment.

Councilmember Morillas stated she likes the plan.

Councilmember Kelley stated the following:

- there is a buffer between the existing neighborhood and the commercial area
- we lose some retail but end up with about 200 more people that do their shopping in Loomis
- this helps meet the Housing Element numbers

Councilmember Ucovich stated the following:

- this is the wrong location for senior housing, it needs to be where they can walk to things
- this proposal is not beneficial for the Town
- this is an ideal retail location

Councilmember Liss stated the following:

- he would like to see the open space issue addressed more carefully by having the Park, Recreation and Open Space Committee (PROSC) review it
- the State has said we are under the gun and he does like the idea that it addresses the Housing Element

Mayor Scherer stated the following:

- he agrees with Councilmember Ucovich, the General Plan does not say high density on the edge of Town
- he would like the concept go through the green sheet process with PROSC
- a fiscal impact needs to be defined

17. **Heritage Park Subdivision Phases II & III Reversion to Acreage**

The new owners of the Heritage Park Subdivision Phases II & III have not completed the requirements of a subdivision map and Council is asked to consider initiating a reversion to acreage process as allowed by law

Recommended action: Schedule a public hearing for the June 9, 2009 meeting to revert the Heritage Park Subdivision Phases II & III to acreage as provided by law

Public comment:

Kevin Stevens, Sycamore Homes, stated the following:

- this is a strong project for them
- the berm will be maintained through a Homeowners Association
- they eliminated 3 lots to have a park feature
- there will be larger lots with front porches and the garages in the back
- they have addressed the green building guidelines
- he asked for more time to work with staff on the project

Steve Linthicum, South Walnut, stated the following:

- that property has destroyed several developers
- what are the chances that this project will be fulfilled
- this is the worst market he has seen and the issue is performance
- Council has been patient, the best way to move forward is to have a clean slate

Jean Wilson stated the following:

- this proposal has a lot of advantages and is like a fresh start with a new owner
- she would like to see it looked at seriously, to get the subdivision completed

Councilmember Morillas said she likes the new proposal and would like to give them a six month extension.

Councilmember Kelley stated the following:

- based on the economy we need to give them an opportunity and give an extension
- we should have a plan so we know where we are going

Councilmember Ucovich asked if we extend for one month can they come back with a timeline?

Mr. Stevens said they could come back with target points.

Mayor Scherer suggested continuing this item to June 9th Council meeting and to come back with a proposed timeline and commitment.

18. **Select Rocklin Development Projects Update**

The City of Rocklin has a number of development projects moving along in the area along Sierra College Boulevard and on Del Mar Street that could impact Loomis residents, roads, and the general quality of the Loomis community

Recommended action: Review development information and direct the Council Borders Subcommittee (Mayor Scherer and Vice Mayor Liss) as to any actions the Council would like the Committee and/or Special Legal Counsel and staff to take

Public comment:

Lisa Pytorak, Dias Lane, stated the following:

- Now there is an additional impact of Rocklin 60 Subdivision and the review period is over on June 26th and there will be a public hearing on June 18th regarding this project
- our homes have taken a huge hit in this economy and adding over 100 new homes will cause a further negative impact with empty houses that might not sell
- the location is currently fields and trees and questioned how this will affect the water table
- if this subdivision cannot be stopped it should be adjusted to larger lot sizes with more trees to insure a better quality neighborhood that would cause less impact on the residents of Loomis

Following further discussion on the item, a motion was made to continue this item to May 26, 2009 to an Adjourned Regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the Loomis Depot. On motion by Mayor Scherer, seconded by Councilmember Liss and passed by voice vote.

19. **Open Space Committee 2 Recommendations Review** (Continued from April 14, 2009) TC 12/9/08

At the February 2008 joint meeting of Planning Commission and Park & Open Space Commission the Council developed work plan goals for the Park & Open Space Commission that included a Council review of recommendations from Open Space Committee 2 to determine which to submit to the Park & Open Space Commission as matters to include in the update of the 1998 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Recommended action: Consider Section D of the Open Space Committee 2 recommendations and decide what to refer to the Park, Recreation and Open Space Committee for inclusion in the update of the 1998 Parks and Recreation Master Plan or what to return to Council for more consideration or what to table

Public comment:

Continued to an Adjourned Regular meeting on May 26, 2009.

20. **Business Retention, Improvement and Recruitment Fund Regulations**

Consider how interest rates will be set on loans from the Business Retention, Improvement and Recruitment Fund

Recommended action: Approve revision to Business Loan Fund Regulation #6 as noted in Report

Public comment:

Continued to an Adjourned Regular meeting on May 26, 2009.

21. **Goal Setting**

Council is asked to start clarifying the goals that were identified at the January 31, 2009 Meeting and make determinations on additional goal ideas that have come up, in light of budget and time constraints

Recommended action: Review Goal 5 Suggested Goals and the 08/09 Carryovers and Ideas Since Goal Setting Session and decide which should be put in the mix for 09/10

Public comment:

22. Off-Site Freestanding Signs

A number of businesses have requested off-site signs, particularly to provide direction to their Businesses and the Town Zoning Ordinance limits commercial free-standing signs

Recommended action: Direct staff to begin hearings to consider revisions to the sign Ordinance for free-standing signs at the Planning Commission meetings

Public comment:

Scott Paris, owner of High Hand Nursery, stated the following:

- people in this community have distinct driving habits and the signs help to change old habits
- location of signs is very important
- he benefits when someone drives by his business to go to another business in Town
- it is time to upgrade the areas of our Town that welcomes the people to the main corridor

Dan Foster, 4303 Dias Lane, stated the following:

- the City of Folsom has tasteful signs to direct people to the auto mall
- we should identify key traffic areas and have directional signage

Jean Wilson pointed out that well placed directional signs are helpful for businesses and residents in rural areas so they are easily found.

Charlotte Reynolds stated the following:

- suggested appointing a committee to work on directional, uniformed and categorical signs
- she would like to be a part of the solution and work on recommendations

David McCauley, Healing Secrets, stated the following:

- when your business is challenged, especially in today's economy, you feel it inside
- asked for more consideration toward the business owner and what they do

Tate Abdon, manager of Black Bear Outdoors, stated the following:

- he would like the ordinance revised so they can have signs in front of the buildings
- it would help to have signs along the freeway that say come to Loomis or we have food
- we need uniformed directional signs on King Road, Sierra College Boulevard and Taylor Road to draw people into Loomis

Tom Baker, Bakers Nursery, stated the following:

- he supports everyone that has spoken, we need a monument type sign directing people from Sierra College Boulevard and Taylor Road
- he would be willing to do what it takes to get a nice tasteful sign put in and suggested using timber or rock or whatever fits the area

Pat Miller, 4395 Gold Trail Way, stated the following:

- it would make it easier to find addresses if Loomis had block numbers on street signs
- asked Council to keep in mind the small signs (that say "work at home" etc.) and that can become a blight on corners
- if a committee is formed suggested a limitation, to preserve the rural character of Loomis, so we don't have signs all over Town
- ask to have some non-business people on the committee
- she is not in favor of more signs

Vic Markey, Taylor Road, stated the following:

- he doesn't think it is appropriate to put his business sign all over Town
- agreed with forming a committee
- every business should have their sign on their own property like his

Mayor Scherer pointed out the following:

- there could be a problem if 300 businesses wanted to get permits to put up off-site signs
- do we want to just put up monument signs that direct people to downtown Loomis

Councilmember Ucovich stated the following:

- Auburn, Colfax, Truckee have billboards that direct traffic to their cities
- suggested contacting property owners to see if they would allow us to put up a bulletin board that directs people to downtown Loomis
- if we start letting each business have their own sign than there would be too many signs
- we need some form of generic sign

Councilmember Liss stated the following:

- directional signs on Taylor Road and other streets should be considered
- generic signs done tastefully is a good idea, we should see how our neighbors are doing it
- he noted key intersections where generic quality signage could be (with unique historic focus)
- he supports the idea of having a committee to come up with recommendations, like the downtown Business Committee and Chamber

Councilmember Morillas stated the following:

- supports having a committee to work on this and it should be the Downtown Business Committee and Chamber
- supports having directional signs to bring people to the downtown

Councilmember Kelley stated the following:

- the businesses need signs in front of their places to stop traffic and that is not offensive
- he supports having a business committee to look at our signs
- he would like to see some kind of a booklet put together, that shows signs that are not offensive and that fits the character of the Town and that meets the commitment of the businesses

Mayor Scherer stated the following:

- suggested the committee have 2 representatives from the Park, Recreation and Open Space Committee, the Chair and Vice Chair from the Planning Commission, and 2 representatives from the Downtown Business Committee
- the committee should come up with recommendations of locations and signage for downtown

Councilmember Ucovich pointed out that he would like it limited to the businesses who have the knowledge of what they would like to see.


Following further discussion on the matter, Council agreed to have the Downtown Business Committee meet with staff and come back to Council with recommendations for directional signs and locations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

23. Placer County Economic Development Commission – Ucovich
24. Placer County Flood Control/Water Conservation District – Morillas
25. Placer County Transportation Planning Agency – Ucovich/Kelley
26. Placer County Mosquito Abatement – Kelley/Ucovich
27. Placer County Air Pollution Control District – Ucovich/Morillas
28. Sacramento Area Council of Governments – Scherer/Liss
29. Placer Land Trust ex-officio representative – Scherer
30. Borders Committee – Scherer/Liss
31. Business Committee – Scherer/Liss

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn at 11:13 p.m. to an Adjourned Regular meeting on May 26, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the Loomis Depot.



Mayor



Town Clerk